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October 4, 2004

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RAIL SAFETY SECTION

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Re: State Street  
Sauk Trail to 26<sup>th</sup> St.  
Section: 98-W5602-03-RP

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to I.C.C. Stipulated Agreement No. 1089, attached herewith is a progress report as prepared by Cook County Highway Department Resident Engineer, James O'Connor, for the above captioned project. Questions or comments may be directed to:

Mr. Cedric E. Leer, P.E.  
Chief Engineer  
Construction Bureau  
69 West Washington Street  
Chicago, IL 60602

Phone: 312-603-1610  
Fax: 312-603-9955

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cedric E. Leer".

Cedric E. Leer, P.E.  
Chief Engineer  
Construction Bureau

For: Wally S. Kos, P.E.  
Superintendent of Highways  
Cook County, Illinois

Attachments

cc: Michael E. Stead  
Rail Safety Program Administrator

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Cedric E. Leer, P.E.  
Chief Engineer of Construction

From: James O'Connor  
Resident Engineer

Date: September 30, 2004

Subject: I.C.C. Agreement Number 1089

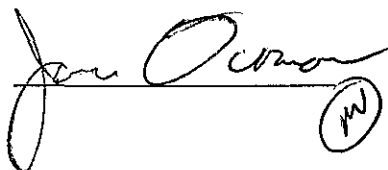
The following progress report concerns the Stipulated Agreement No. 1089 entered by the I.C.C. on June 23, 2004 and executed on March 11, 2004, April 8, 2004, April 13, 2004, and April 30, 2004. The agreement is regarding improving public safety through roadway widening, the addition of track, and the installation of new railroad warning devices at the State Street highway-rail grade crossing of the Union Pacific Railroad Company's tracks located in the City of Chicago Heights, Cook County, IL, designated as crossing AAR/DOT 862 647C, Milepost 0.14. The agreement states that the work should be sufficiently completed and open to four traffic lanes by September 30, 2004. Overall completion of the proposed improvement should be no later than November 30, 2004.

It is expected that traffic on State Street may not be open to four lanes until the middle of October. This is due to the U.P.R.R. closing of State Street during the week of September 20, 2004 despite the fact that the County was not given sufficient notice of the intent to close the road. Cook County did not receive a permit for any of the work being done by U.P.R.R. until 4 weeks after they had already started construction. It was during this week that Callaghan Paving, the contractor for C.C.H.D., could have been constructing the final pavement on State Street. Although U.P.R.R. had placed road closure signs prior to the County receiving the required permits, C.C.H.D. reluctantly allowed the track construction to commence.

Paving operations on State Street are about 98% complete. Due to a contractor error, the pavement to the North and South of the tracks will need replacement prior to opening up traffic to four lanes. Traffic has been re-opened to two lanes as of September 28, 2004. Now that U.P.R.R. is almost finished with the track improvement, the contractor for C.C.H.D. can proceed with pavement construction on State Street.

The County believes that our part in this agreement will be complete well before November 30, 2004.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jon O'Brien", is written over a horizontal line. To the right of the signature, there is a small circle containing the letters "W".